

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-452-C - ORDER NO. 2000-971
NOVEMBER 30, 2000

IN RE: Application of Verizon South, Inc. for) ORDER GRANTING
Approval to Transfer Intrastate Advanced) ASSET TRANSFER
Data Services Assets to Verizon Advanced)
Data, Inc.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for transfer of the intrastate advanced data service assets from Verizon South to Verizon Advanced Data, Inc. As per the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the matter was noticed in newspapers of general circulation. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were filed. The two companies therefore request expedited review of the matter, and have filed the verified testimony of Thomas A. Kiernan and Stan J. Bugner. We grant expedited review, and, for the reasons stated below, we grant the requested relief.

Verizon South, Inc.-South Carolina (Verizon South Carolina) filed an Application with the Commission for approval to transfer certain of its intrastate assets associated with advanced data services to Verizon Advanced Data Inc. (formerly Bell Atlantic Network Data, Inc.) According to the companies, the transfer of assets is necessary to enable Verizon South Carolina to meet one of the conditions set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) June 16, 2000 Order approving the merger of

Bell Atlantic and GTE. That condition requires that Advanced Services be provided through a separate subsidiary.

Since the asset transfer is a condition of the FCC's June 16, 2000 Order, we believe that we have no alternative but to grant the requested asset transfer, based on the verified testimony filed in this Docket, which sets out the information as stated above. We grant the requested relief.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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